



**Distinguished Persons To
Share Experience On Their Contribution
Towards Addressing Issue Of Child Marriage
*BAL VIVAH MUKT BHARAT CAMPAIGN***

Ms. Bucha Ramanamma

Champion

Andhra Pradesh

- Bucha Ramanamma, a 14-year-old from Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh, reported her planned child marriage to an Anganwadi worker.
- The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) counseled her parents and successfully stopped the marriage.
- Returned to school, scoring a perfect 10/10 GPA in 10th grade.
- Secured a seat at IIIT, Nujiveedu, and graduated in 2024.
- Now earning ₹6 lakhs annually in Hyderabad while supporting her family.
- "Courage knows no age: Bucha stopped her child marriage and rewrote her destiny!"
- "From a 14-year-old advocate for her own rights to an engineer with ₹6 lakh salary—Bucha's journey inspires!"

"Breaking chains of unjust tradition, Bucha Ramanamma shines as a symbol of empowerment in the fight against child marriage."





Ms. Majji.Ramya

Champion

Andhra Pradesh

- Facing financial struggles and her father’s abandonment, her mother had planned the marriage under pressure from debt.
- With support from the DCPU and education department, Ramya returned to school, advanced to 10th grade, and continues her studies.
- Counseling helped her mother cancel the marriage, and the DCPU monitors her situation closely.
- "One call transformed her destiny: Ramya’s courage halted child marriage and reignited her education!"

"From dropout to determined: Ramya’s resilience is a story of hope and empowerment!"

Ms. Durga
Community Champion
Bihar

- Durga, a 14-year-old from Purvi Thatha village in Bihar, stopped her elder sister Laxmi's child marriage using knowledge from an adolescent empowerment group.
- Armed with legal awareness, she invoked the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act and rallied community support.
- Durga convinced her parents to prioritize education, inspiring her father to pledge that Laxmi will complete her studies before marriage.
- Her actions demonstrate the transformative power of informed advocacy in challenging societal norms.

"Knowledge is power: Durga's bold stand stopped child marriage and reshaped her family's future!"





Ms. Roshni Parween

Champion & Activist

Bihar

- Roshni Perween, a survivor of child marriage and domestic violence, has dedicated her life to championing the rights of women and children.
- As co-founder of the Janta Express Welfare Foundation, she has rescued over 60 girls from child marriage, saved 9 girls from trafficking, and resolved 107 cases of domestic violence.
- Her efforts have impacted over 50,000 lives, enrolling 200+ children in schools and advocating against societal injustices.
- Honored as the United Nations Young Activist Laureate 2023, she is now working on a rehabilitation center in Bihar for women and children.

"Globally recognized, locally impactful: Roshni's fight against injustice knows no bounds!"

Mr. Lal Singh Shyam

Sarpanch

Chhattisgarh

- Lal Singh Shyam, the visionary Sarpanch of Durgapur, Surajpur District, has spearheaded efforts to eliminate child marriage and promote legal marriage practices.
- He implemented a system to register and verify the ages of marriageable girls, ensuring compliance with legal requirements.
- Through empathetic counseling and financial incentives, he encouraged families to delay marriages until the legal age.
- His leadership has transformed Durgapur into a model child marriage-free village, inspiring other regions to adopt similar initiatives.

“A Grassroots leader redefining traditions and safeguarding the future of Durgapur’s children!”





**Ms. Namrata Pandurang,
Champion
Maharashtra**

- Namrata Pandurang, a 16-year-old from Latur, stopped her own child marriage through courage and determination.
- Counseling helped her and her parents agree that she will marry only after turning 18 or achieving financial independence.
- Namrata now runs a parlor business and sells bakery products from home, building a self-reliant future while living with her parents.

"Namrata Pandurang: A young entrepreneur who turned challenges into opportunities!"

Mr. C. Lalnunfela

**District Programme Officer & Child Marriage Prohibition
Officer**

Mizoram

- C. Lalnunfela, District Programme Officer and Child Marriage Prohibition Officer of Lunglei, Mizoram, has championed efforts to prevent child marriage through faith-based advocacy.
- Collaborated with religious institutions and key stakeholders to raise awareness about the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.
- Campaigns sensitized hundreds of parents, students, and religious leaders, resulting in impactful interventions, such as postponing a child marriage in Bualte village.

"C. Lalnunfela: Leveraging faith to safeguard children's futures in Mizoram!"





Ms. Silu Pradhan
Community Champion
Odisha

- Silu Pradhan, a 17-year-old from Sahaspur village, is pursuing a diploma in Chemical Engineering while actively preventing child marriage in her community.
- Inspired by ADVIKA sessions, she helped prevent the early marriages of two friends and re-enrolled them in school.
- Also participates in plantation drives, cleanliness activities, and performs in plays promoting education and raising awareness about child marriage.

"Determined and inspiring, Silu's efforts are making a real difference in the fight against child marriage."

Ms. Kumari Jyotsna Akhter

Champion

Tripura

- Jyotsna Akhter, 16, prevented her own child marriage and convinced her parents to support her education.
- She inspired her village to pledge not to marry daughters before 18 and to prioritize education.
- Active in the 'Balika Manch' initiative to prevent child marriages and school drop-outs in South Tripura.
- Awarded the 'Pradhan Mantri Bal Puraskar' by the President of India in January 2024.

"From stopping child marriage to leading a revolution—Jyotsna's impact is profound!"

